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Dear Dave:

When you let Bob Julian write Chapter 5 of your Silver Dollar Book you let him repeat the theory he first proposed in 1970. I and perhaps many others disagreed then and still do.

You in writing Chapter 6 gave his theory encouragement but retained your position that it may or may not constitute what happened. You left everything open for anyone to have his own opinion. You obviously wanted to present all options to your readers.

I have just written a 4 typewritten page summary of what my opinion is, including the basis for it. I may publish it as part of the coming October 30, 1993 COAC at ANS on silver dollars. I may place it elsewhere or in two places. Would you like to read it and make suggestions, challenges, etc. first. Perhaps you might want to publish it in the Rare Coin Review simultaneously with the place I end up selecting.

Let me know if this interests you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman





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Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for sending the U.S. Assay Office "copy" or whatever it is. I had not seen this or anything like it before, and here I thought I had seen most everything!

I can't quite make out what is intended to be. The edge is strongly reeded and the coin has a good "ring," so I suppose it was struck. However, the die detail on the obverse in particular is quite unsatisfactory (look at the left ribbon end above the eagle for example). I haven't compared it with an original, but I wonder if this was indeed struck from original dies? Also there are some pit marks as you undoubtedly know.

Keep me posted, and as you develop ideas maybe I can add to some of your theories. Meanwhile in the next week or two, I will be doing the Eliasberg Collection territorial gold coins, and if you are interested, I will send you a photocopy of the printout. I will probably address specific die states as applicable—as this sort of investigation is always a lot of fun.

The piece is returned herewith. Thanks again for letting me see it.

Best wishes,

Q. David Bowers

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Enclosure: as stated